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Poll Dorset Sheep on Henry Tickler's farm.

Believe it or not, there are roughly a thousand different breeds of sheep around the world, but The Poll Dorset breed has the unique ability to conceive and produce lambs quite naturally at any time of the year. All other breeds produce lambs in the Spring.

Wilsford and Kelby News Starting from April 2021 The News will be produced by Paul Murray and Jacky Scott-Combes. We will be editing alternate months. This excellent news means you will have a different style to keep you interested. While the people who deliver your newsletter will remain the same Liz Hudson has volunteered to take on organisation of News copies when they come from the printer, Colin. A big thank-you to the new team.

WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Clerk Denise Gascoyne 82 Ermine Street Ancaster NG32 3QP
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Councillors welcomed new councillor Keith Corner to the Parish Council at their last meeting. He was co-opted on after Phil Bramley resigned.

Dog Fouling is becoming a real issue in the village. This is an offence and parishioners are asked to clean up after their dogs. There are no excuses, we have dog bins situated on the playing field, rear of the village hall, back footpath from Post Office to School Lane and one at Town End. You can use the normal waste bins which are at the Post Office, near the Plough and on Heath Lane. You can also put them in your own waste bin. If anyone feels there should be further dog bins please contact the Clerk wilsfordpc@gmail.com and the Parish Council will consider purchasing a further bin.

Dogs are not allowed to run free on the children's area of the playing field, so please keep your dogs on a lead. The Parish Council will be purchasing signs to remind parishioners. 'Clean up after your dog' signs will also be purchased.

Parking on Footpaths on Main Street has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Please be considerate to prams, pushchairs, and wheelchair users.

Chevrons and the bollards in the lay-by have been reported as damaged.

Census 2021 will take place in April. This will be a digital-first census where people are encouraged to fill in online. Householders will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request.

Play equipment will be upgraded on the playing field. A recent report showed areas which needed maintenance and replacing. Two new seats have already been replaced. The Parish Council have earmarked a maximum of £6000 to repair the equipment. General maintenance will be taking place over the next few weeks including clearing overgrowth of moss and weeds. If restrictions allow a working party will be formed to clean down all the equipment before Easter.

A new Fingerpost will be purchased to replace the one outside the Plough. This is now in such a bad state it cannot be cleaned properly.

Grit Bins are being well used by parishioners. Cllrs thank everyone who is doing their bit to keep the roads and paths clear in Wilsford during this bad weather. However, just a reminder to close the lids on the bins after use. If you notice one is nearly empty or empty please contact the Clerk and she will arrange for them to be refilled.

Queens Platinum Jubilee is 06 February 2022. The May Bank Holiday weekend will be moved to Thursday 02 June and there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June, this will see a four-day weekend to celebrate her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council are looking into ways this may be celebrated in the village. Any ideas please forward to the Clerk.

County Councillor Andrew Hagues said work will begin on Holdingham Roundabout from 15 February. Although a lot of the work will be done over night there will still be traffic restrictions.

The elections for County and Police and Crime Commissioner are still scheduled to take place on 06 May. People will be able to vote in person at polling stations, but it is advised to request a postal vote which you can take to the polling station on the day if you wish.

£12million pounds has been put aside for businesses that have severely affected by Coronavirus but until now have been unable to claim. A maximum of £10k could be claimed. The following has further information.

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/article/546/council-unveils-12m-package-of-support-for-local-economy

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held a virtual (Zoom) meeting on 09 March 2021 at 7.00pm (Please note the new time if you wish to attend). Anyone wishing to attend the meeting must contact the Clerk requesting an invite by 12 noon Monday 08 March. An invitation to the meeting will then be sent.

Farming – a changed landscape. From 1939 until tomorrow. Henry Tickler who farms the land around Wilsford and Kelby. I asked Henry to write about his changes to an emphasis on wildlife conservation on the land, here and in the wider farming community.

Our shops and supermarkets have not always been as full as they are today in terms of both quantity and quality. Up until 1954, food rationing, for some products was still in place following The Second World War. Successive Governments, up until comparatively recently ensured that many hedgerows were pulled up, and horses were replaced by tractors. These two fundamentals ensured that larger fields were created.

Over the next five or so years, conservation measures will become an integral part of political changes. Although some farmers have already replaced



Vintage Tractor

hedgerows, committed land to woodland, excavated ponds and lakes – thus creating crucially important new habitats for wildlife. Currently the mandatory formation of two metre grass margins around arable fields have been very successful for some species, including the Barn Owl. This process will be extended through ELMS (Environmental Land Management Scheme), as the European-based farm subsidy arrangement is replaced with an emphasis of conservation measures alongside food production.

Coupled with the change, will be a more balanced mix of agriculture and conservation in which “carbon

capture” and important issues regarding protecting our most important asset, soil. Farmers will be encouraged to become carbon neutral, which will include better and more effective use of, for example, fertilisers. Nitrogen, is arguably one of the most important raw materials that farmers have at their disposal, and simplistically comes from one of three sources: inorganic/bagged nitrogen-based fertiliser, organic manures from livestock production, and leguminous plants such as clovers, peas, beans, etc.



Shire Horses

To finish: I know that many of you that walk along our footpaths, and across our fields, have commented about the signs that I have displayed at entrances to both Hall and Slate House Farms. I had them put up on the 16th November last year after one individual walker (with dogs) behaved in a manner that convinced me that he alone was totally indifferent to local livestock and wildlife. Some five weeks or so later, this individual, allowed his dogs to savage a 5-week old lamb, ripping a foot square lump of wool and skin from the animal, exposing the muscle to the elements. If you would like to speak to me, please contact me on 07970-216010. Regards Henry.

County Council and Parish Council Elections will be taking place on 6th May 2021.

From County Councillor Andrew Hagues.

Although extra precautions will be in place at all Polling stations, I would recommend as many voters as possible to apply to North Kesteven District Council for a postal vote. These applications can be downloaded from the NKDC website, or by phoning the electoral register team on 01529 414155. The final date for applying to become a postal voter is 20th. April 2021.

From a parent in Wilsford

The kids' play park is not a dog run. The last time I went with the boys, two separate people had their dogs loose in there - bounding up to the kids (and almost knocking them down) whilst their owners were just standing by. There is also dog mess in there.

It might be ok if the dogs were on leads, and we are encouraging the kids not to be frightened of them, but not all kids like dogs and it is pretty terrifying for them if dogs bigger than them come running towards them when they're playing on the equipment.

St Mary's Church News

The church remains open for private prayer on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am.

The AGM for Wilsford Church Council will be held on Monday the 15th March at 7pm. This is open to anyone from the parish to attend. As due to the present situation this will have to be a Zoom meeting, anyone wishing to take part will have to register their interest to obtain access on the night.

Please contact Jayne Sadler on 01400 231010 or j.sadler@btinternet.com for more information.

Wilsford Allotments

Our A.G.M. has been postponed until conditions allow. We are very fortunate to have no plots available at present. To go on our waiting list, please contact Richard Frankland 01400 230466 or David via email :wilsfordallotments@gmail.com.

When gaining access to the allotments, please read and adhere to the signs adjacent to the turning from School Lane

LOCAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Police: Our local team are: **Nic Woolerton:** 07973842786 PCSO (full-time), and Colin Ironmonger 07939887765 PCSO (part-time).

Local Councillors

District: **Russell Jackson** email: cllr_russell_jackson@n-kesteven.gov.uk 07486 856250.

County: **Andrew Hagues**, The White Cottage, 12 The Square, Leasingham, Sleaford, NG34 8LA. Tel: 01529 303042.

Email: cllra.hagues@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Doctors:

Ancaster Surgery: **01400 230226.**

Prescriptions: **01400 231204.**

If you are collecting prescriptions or visiting the surgery you need to WEAR A MASK.

Use www.villagedoctor.co.uk for quickest contact or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

GP's leaving the practice: Dr R. Thomas (end of March), Dr Jones (in February). Our best wishes. Joining the practice: Dr Becca Watt, Dr Sophia Farmillo (both special interest in elderly patients) and in the spring Dr Humphreys (special interest in children and families). Welcome.

The Plough Inn 01400 230304.

Laurent and the team continue to provide a Take-Away service Wednesday to Saturday for Lunch and Supper: Sunday Lunch only. Deliveries to Wilsford and Ancaster. See Plough Wilsford Facebook page for the weekly menu.

Ancaster Butchers 01400 230855

Spencer and the team are Open 7.30am–5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri .
7.30am–12 noon Sat.

Ancaster Butcher Facebook page for up-to-date information. On-line ordering and payment. orders@ancasterbutchers.co.uk

Wilsford Shop and Post Office 01400 230792.

Mike and Sally are open every day and happy to help. Don't forget lunchtime closing now

5 Day Blinds Ltd

Richard Cook in Wilsford. Supplier of all types of made to measure blinds, shutters & conservatory roof sail-blinds . **01400 666 106.** email 5dayblinds@gmail.com Website www.5dayblinds.co.uk

Wriggly Tin Wine Sarah,

your local wine merchant, on Heath Lane. There is no minimum order and same day delivery. Free delivery locally. www.wrigglytinwine.co.uk Sarah, **01400 230679.** Latest offers on the Facebook page @wrigglytinwine

Nicola's Dog Grooming.

All breeds catered for. Nicola 07921269435.

Happy Feet – offering pedicures, hard skin removal or a simple nail trim.

Call **Fran** on 07793 679 336 for appointments and prices.

FRANtastic Face Painting

Available for children's parties or events. Call 07793 679 336 or message the Frantastic face painting' page on Facebook for bookings and prices.

Ralph Hudson Garden Services

Lawn mowing and strimming, hedge and shrub trimming, weeding and general tidy ups. Call 07884 083 770 or 01400 231002. Email ralphh4@gmail.com

Computer Repairs and Training:

Steve Spick . 44 Main Street, **01400 230454** email: scspick@gmail.com

Wills: Darren Tomaselli:

07969 995418. All estate planning needs. Powers of Attorney/Trusts/Funeral Plans.

Joiner: Dave Fisher.

01400 230672 or 07796 144152. All types of woodwork, home or garden. No job too small.

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